

TGEI Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 17, 2005

Members Present

Joe Swinford, Chair
Brian Derrick
Lynn Goodman, Ex-Officio
George Zukotynski
Carol Freeman
Renee Jackson
Mike Dedmon
Mike Hayes

Members Absent

Buddy Lea, Vice Chair
Tommy Chester, Past Chair
Brenda White
Nancy Bernstein
Tracy Stinson
Marva Bradford
Sam Chessor
Tracy Carter
Gabrielle Chapman
Karen Hale

Call to Order

The June Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM.

Minutes

There were no minutes from the May Steering Committee Meeting to be approved.

Old Business

TGEI Website – Carol Freeman expressed her desire to reschedule the May Steering Committee meeting for the Ellington Ag Center. The committee agreed and has decided to reschedule the Aug. 19th meeting to the Ellington Ag Center at 3:00 PM.

Carol gave an update on the project. The menus have been changed to be more convenient and usable. The links that were broken have been re-directed and are working correctly. Carol will work in conjunction with DOP to make these changes on Monday, June 20, 2005. The steering committee is to provide feedback to Carol prior to the Aug. steering committee meeting. Lynn Goodman expressed her concerns about the Directory problems and the Email problems to the committee. Carol advised that she would have someone to look at the issues and report back to the committee.

Endowment Golf Tournament – Brian Derrick gave a report on the outcome of the tournament. By all accounts, the first year of the tournament was a success. Over \$325 was raised for the TGI Endowment Fund. All participants enjoyed themselves and the weather was beautiful. Everyone agreed that it was a good start and that next year could be even better. We gained a lot of knowledge about this type of event and we will put that to use next year. The winning team, with a score of 63 (-9) was the Team of Melinda Parton, Joni Kies, Clint Parsons, and Ralph Duke. Closest to the pin was won by Michael Thomason. Thanks to our friends at TriCor for their generous gifts. Brian was asked to submit an article for the June newsletter. He reported that he would follow-up with Lynn on Monday, June 20th.

Fall Conference – Renee Jackson gave a report on the status of the Fall Conference. October 25th is the scheduled date. With the assistance of Lynn Goodman and DOP the conference committee has secured David Waits of the Waits Group to speak on ‘Staying at the Top of Your Game’ a motivational and professional development speaker. Stephanie Richards, Director of ERP will also be speaking about ERP and Commissioner Goetz has been confirmed to speak. The conference committee is scheduled to meet later this month.

Newsletter – Joe Swinford gave a brief report for Buddy Lea who had a previously scheduled appointment. Newsletter items were still being compiled by Buddy, and that the May newsletter was almost ready to be submitted. Lynn Goodman stated that DOP was prepared to submit the newsletter.

TGEI Class of 2005 – Lynn Goodman gave a status report. The candidates for TGEI class of 2005 have been selected and congratulatory letters have been sent out. All alumni are encouraged to send emails or personally congratulate the candidates. Orientation for the Class of 2005 will be held on July 8th. George Zukotynski (2004 President) has a good head start on presiding over the orientation. Many of our favorite instructors are returning and some new instructors are generating much excitement. The schedules and list of participants would be updated to the webpage soon.

New Business

Committee Resignation – Joe Swinford announced that Gabrielle Chapman has resigned her position on the steering committee. The committee wished her well in her new job. According to our by-laws the position would not need to be filled at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting was set for Friday, July 22, at 11:30 AM in the Davidson Room in the TN Tower.